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TO AMEMBASSY QUITO

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TAGS: BDIS, EC (SMITH, HAROLD T.)

SUBJECT: HAROLD T. SMITH CASE

REF: QUITO 657

1. HAROLD T. SMITH TELEPHONED DEPARTMENT JULY 30 TO ADVISE HE WILL BE ARRIVING IN QUITO FRIDAY, AUGUST 3 IN FURTHER EFFORT TO SETTLE TERMS FOR GOE PURCHASE OF HIS FARMS. HIS TRIP IS PROMPTED BY REPORTED LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION TO PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ FOR NULLIFICATION OF HOUSING BANK PURCHASE OF SMITH'S QUEVEDO PROPERTIES AND BY RECENT OFFER OF ASSISTANCE IN SETTLING DISPUTE RECEIVED FROM LUIS MALDONADO, FATHER OF MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. SMITH PLANS TO TALK WITH MALDONADO BUT IS DISINCLINED TO DEAL WITH HIM BECAUSE SMITH BELIEVES HE WILL EXACT A HIGH PRICE FOR HIS "ASSISTANCE". SMITH EXPRESSED HOPE THAT EMBASSY MIGHT FIND IT POSSIBLE TO CONVEY TO GOE THROUGH APPROPRIATE CHANNEL IMPORTANCE OF FAIR SETTLEMENT OF THIS DISPUTE. HE PLANS TO CALL AT EMBASSY SOON AFTER HIS ARRIVAL.

2. IF EMBASSY PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION, BELIEVE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO REITERATE TO GOE ONCE AGAIN, IN MANNER EMBASSY CONSIDERS MOST APPROPRIATE, OUR INTEREST IN SEEING FAIR SETTLEMENT THIS CASE. IF EMBASSY BELIEVES IT USEFUL, IT MIGHT BE DESIRABLE TO POINT OUT THAT FINANCE MINISTER SALAS
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ASSURED AMBASSADOR IN FEBRUARY (REFTEL) THAT PAYMENT WOULD

BE ACCORDING TO PRICE NEGOTIATED BETWEEN SMITH AND GEN.
LOPEZ. ROGERS

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